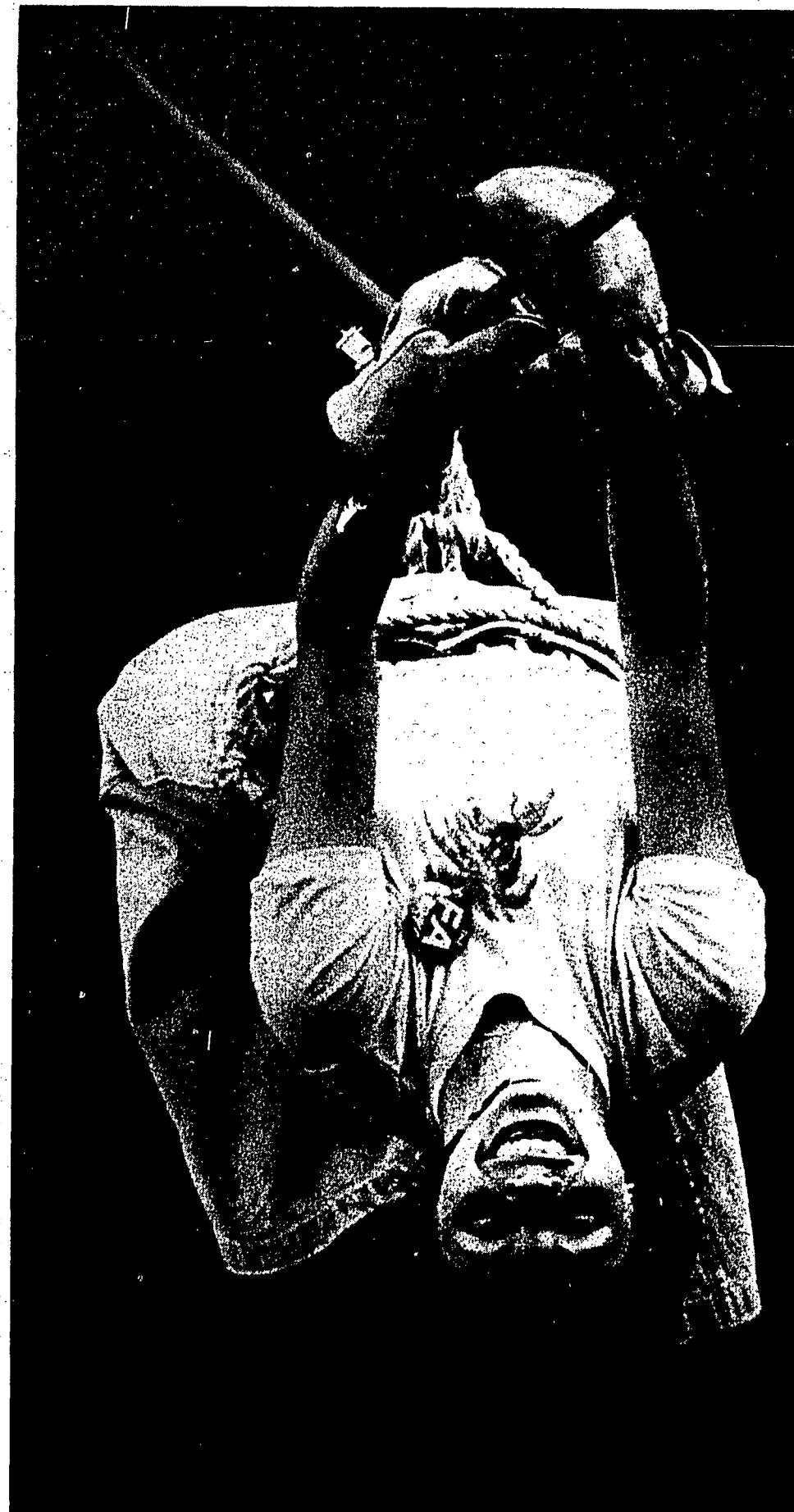


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MISSOURIAN



Senior Debbie Noonan did it on a rope this weekend at Ft. Sill, Okla., on an Army Orientation Visit.

ROTC I did it!

"...I don't want no more of Army life, gee but I wanna go-but they won't let me go-home."

That old cadence song sung by soldiers for generations never entered the minds of some 38 NWMSU ROTC students who had "the times of their lives" as a part of a three-day Army Orientation Visit to Ft. Sill, Okla. last week.

After joining forces with ROTC and JROTC students from MWSC and area high schools, some 70 students, four military personnel and a civilian sponsor were packed, along with one bag each, aboard a C130A Hercules plane and settled in for the flight to Sill and a taste of Army life.

For many in the group this was the first such trip and it was a far cry from a pressurized cabin, soft, fluffy seats, and girls in cute get-ups walking the aisles.

There were no aisles here. Just people knee to knee, a sack lunch and the grunts and groans of a 22-year-old aircraft.

The trip was 110 minutes long and went very smoothly according to our designated Howard Cosell, who in real life assumes the role of Robert Knisley, a freshman. Knisley, an ex-Air Force SSgt. flight mechanic, explained in detail all of the aircraft's strange noises as well as the correct procedure for take-off and landing.

During the day, the scheduling of events kept the students occupied with such things as a visit to the range to witness a live combined arms (armor/mechanized infantry) demonstration. There were also trips to the post exchange, a planetarium, museums, and of course the Mess Hall, where some nightmares about Army cooking were laid to rest.

"The food was excellent, and so much variety," said one freshman. "I think I gained five pounds eating 'three Army squares' a day."

Fifteen minutes in chow line for breakfast was no highlight of the trip for some, but the sounds of "scrambled," "over-easy," "omelette-cheese," filtering back through the line as the cook would work ahead by as many as 20 people to assure that no one got "egged out" more than made up for the wait.

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DANCE MARATHON TO BENEFIT MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

The women of Millikan Hall will once again sponsor a dance marathon for muscular dystrophy. The marathon is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 17 and continue for 25 hours. All persons interested in participating may pick up an entry form from the information booth in the Union or fill out the form below and return it by Oct. 16. For further information, contact Kathy Adkins in 704 Millikan at ext. 1436.

SECOND MOVIE IN FILM SERIES TO BE SHOWN

The Go-Between, which is the second in the series of International Films, will be presented in the Horace Mann Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8. The film stars Julie Christie and Alan Bates, who starred in *An Unmarried Woman*.

Filmed in authentic locations of England's Norfolk countryside, *The Go-Between* tells the story of a secret love affair between a beautiful heiress and a poor tenant farmer at the turn of the century. The go-between is a 12 year-old boy who is used as a message bearer by the lovers.

CHURCH SEMINAR BEGINS FRIDAY

New Covenant Campus Fellowship invites everyone to come and hear a seminar given by Walt Fleming concerning the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit." The seminar will begin Oct. 6 at 7 p.m., continue on Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m. and conclude Oct. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the New Covenant Full Gospel Church located at Fourth and Walnut.

OWENS ELECTED TO TKE BOARD

President Dr. B.D. Owens has been elected member of the Board of Directors of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) International Fraternity.

Dr. Owens is a member of the TKE chapter at NWMSU where he received his undergraduate degree.

Owens was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board created by a resignation. The Board consists of eight alumni members of the fraternity who meet twice annually to review the programs, policies and financial operations of TKE.

STAFF MEMBERS NEEDED FOR YEARBOOK

Copy writers and photographers are wanted to help compile the 1979 Tower. Anyone interested in working for a national award-winning publication should contact Wayne Vollmer, Laura Widmer or Renee Tackett at ext. 1224.

FEMINIST GROUP BEING FORMED

A women's feminist-oriented group will be starting soon at NWMSU. All women interested should leave their name and phone number in the Union Director's office in care of Sharon Anthony.

BERNARD APPOINTED NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Barbara Bernard, NWMSU assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, has been appointed editor of the MAHPER Newsletter, a publication by the Missouri Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

The publication is published four times yearly and is distributed to the Associations' 600 members. Mrs. Bernard has been at NWMSU since 1966.

DIRECTORIES TO GO ON SALE

Student directories which have been compiled by the Math Club will go on sale Oct. 11. The directories will consist of a complete list of NWMSU students, faculty offices and departmental offices.

SECURITY OFFICE TO COLLECT TRAFFIC FINES

All traffic and parking fines can now be paid at the Security office instead of the Business office or cashier windows.

HOMECOMING BAND CHOSEN

Justus will perform at the Homecoming dance on Oct. 4 from 9 p.m. to midnight in Lamkin Gym. The dance is free to all NWMSU students, alumni, parents and faculty.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS TO MEET

The Young Republicans will meet Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. in the Millikan Hall main lounge. Interested persons are invited to attend.

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Dynamic Duos

Activities set for Homecoming '78

On Oct. 15 it will be only a pleasant memory. But between now and Oct. 14, NWMSU will be in preparation for its Homecoming celebration.

With the theme of "Dynamic Duos" for Homecoming this year, plans are under way and floats under construction for five days of activities that will begin Oct. 10, with the variety show and wind up Oct. 14 with the Homecoming dance.

The variety show will be held at the Charles Johnson Theatre Oct. 10 through Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Consisting of skits put on by the various fraternities, sororities, and independent organizations, the variety show will be humorous and satirical and in line with the "Dynamic Duos" theme.

Tickets for the shows are on sale now through Oct. 10 in the Alumni Office in the Lower Lakeview Room of the Student Union.

On Oct. 11 the 1978 Homecoming Queen will be announced after the variety show.

A pep rally will be held after the variety show Oct. 13.

Oct. 14, at 9:30 a.m. the Homecoming parade will be held and the football game against Southwest Missouri State and the evening alumni party and dance, in addition to many receptions and teas sponsored by the various campus organizations. The Queen candidates are

front row from left, Linda Elchinger, Kansas City; Lisa Gates, Maryville; Wendy Taff, Kansas City; Diann Piper, King City;

featuring the band Justus. Justus is from Kansas City and plays what is termed "funky music" that combines the sounds

of such bands as Earth, Wind, and Fire; Justus was the winner of the KY/102 The Ohio Players; Stevie Wonder; Herbie Midwest Rock Showdown in the spring of Hancock; and the Average White Band. The dance is free.



Photo by Heywood Studio

One of these NWMSU coeds will be crowned Homecoming Queen and will reign over the annual campus celebration the week of Oct. 9-14. The activities climax on Oct. 14 with the hour-long morning parade, the afternoon football game with Southwest Missouri State and the evening alumni party and dance, in addition to many receptions and teas sponsored by the various campus organizations. The Queen candidates are front row from left, Linda Elchinger, Kansas City; Lisa Gates, Maryville; Wendy Taff, Kansas City; Diann Piper, King City;

Pam Schlotthauer, Kansas City; Angela Ping, Platte Woods; Shelley Sommer, Raytown; and Val Mouttet, Des Moines, Iowa. Second row from left, Karen VanSickle, Kansas City; Kathy Adkins, Savannah; Nancy Johnson, Cylinder, Iowa; Cindy Harris, Tabor, Iowa; Nancy Wright, Altamont; Sheryl Roberts, Bonner Springs, Kan.; Linda Fordyce, Bethany; Lynda Grossman, Raytown; and Diane Welburne, Neola, Iowa. Lisa Tyner, Randolph, Iowa, was unavailable for photo.

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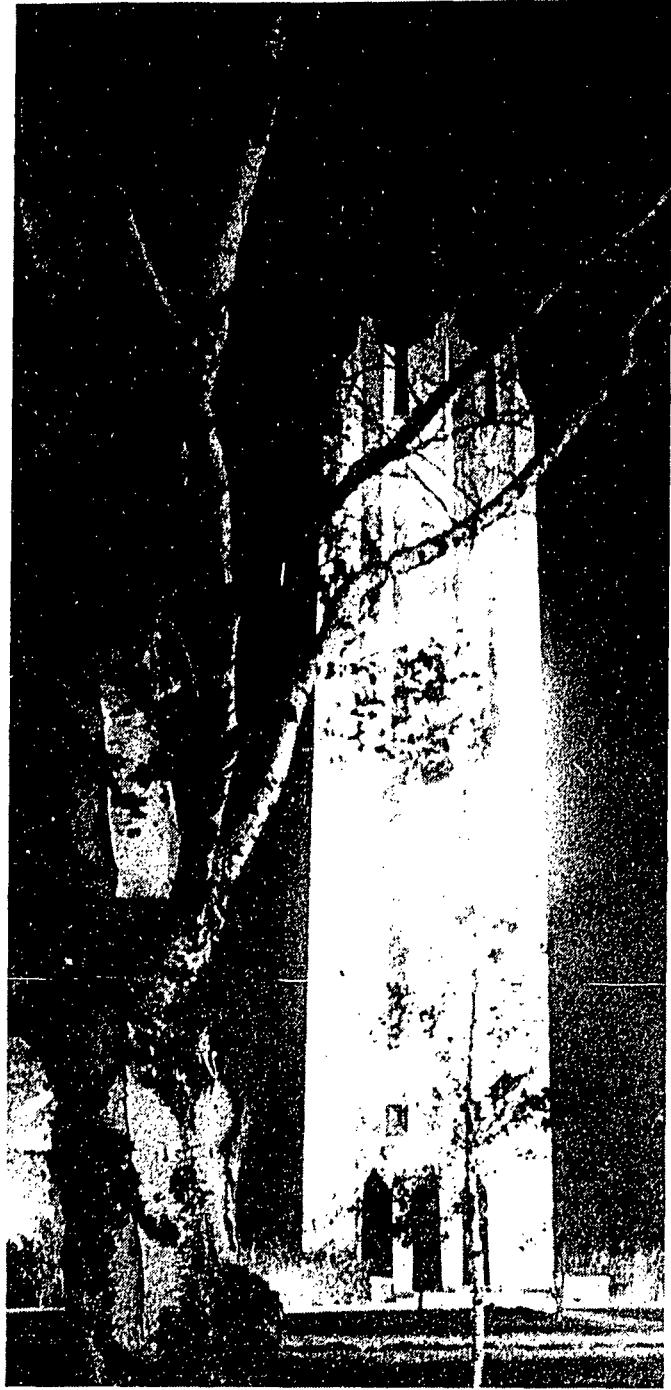


Photo by Jim MacNeil

The Bell Tower, one of the few lighted objects on campus, stands in the darkness between Well's Library and the Union. Twenty-one new lights will be installed near the same location.

Lights to be installed for safety

by Janice Corder and Cheryl Krell

Let there be light.

Within approximately three weeks, twenty-one new street lights will be installed on campus by the University Maintenance and Grounds Departments. "Dr. Bush and I made a survey of the campus after dark this summer to determine if we need additional light," said Director of Maintenance Max Harris.

The new lights will be located near the center of campus, the bell tower, and near Hudson, Roberta, and Perrin dorms.

Speaking of the Hudson area lighting, security Officer Roland Langford said, "That's a dangerous area. I believe they need a few more lights over there."

Some students are also critical of current University lighting.

"The Hudson Hall sidewalk doesn't have any lights on it," said sophomore Wendy Copeland.

"I think it could be better towards the library and in front of the Union," said sophomore Pat Grover.

"The sidewalks are okay, but places in between the buildings are pretty dark," said freshman Laurie Peterson.

Installation of some of the lighting was delayed until new sidewalks were completed.

The new lights are being installed despite the energy crises. But all decorative lighting, such as building flood lights have been turned off.

All street lights will remain turned on because, according to Harris, "The safety of the student is more important than the energy crunch."

Assault remains unsolved

by Elizabeth Scott

After following up approximately 20 leads in the assault case of the 20-year-old NWMSU coed, the Security Department is "up against a wall right now" according to Earl Brailey, director of Security.

Since the Sept. 21 attack near the campus pond, 28 people have been questioned in regard to the suspect.

Campus Security is working with the Maryville Public Safety Department, St. Joseph Police Department, and five county sheriffs in an effort to apprehend the assailant who is described to be a white male between 20 and 25 years of age, 5'10" to 6' tall, medium length curly or fuzzy dark blond or light brown hair, weighing about 180 lbs. At the time of the attack he was wearing blue jeans, a dark short-sleeved shirt, smelled strongly of cigarettes, spoke with a slight Missouri accent and possibly has scratches on his left arm.

Immediately after the assault the victim went to the campus security office. The security officers then checked the campus and an area within a six-block radius for the assailant.

Officer Harvey Crow of the Maryville Public Safety Department and his dog, Rommel, tracked the suspect from the northwest side of the pond along the tennis courts where the scent was lost on College Avenue when the suspect apparently drove away in a car.

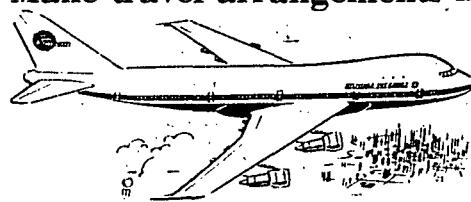
Sargent Basil Owens of the Maryville Public Safety Department and the victim have made a composite sketch of the suspect and have distributed it to all law enforcement officers in Northwest Missouri.

Four suspects have been questioned, but all have been cleared.

Although the investigation is now at a standstill, Brailey said, "We will never close the case until it's solved."

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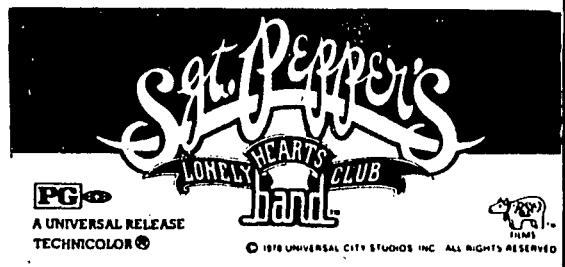
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This sculpture by Tim Downing is part of "Sculpture on the Lawn--Fall '78." Downing and seven other students will exhibit their sculpture now through Oct. 13.



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Regional convention **Cardinal Key begins year**

Representatives from eight colleges attended the Cardinal Key National Society Regional Convention held at NWMSU last weekend.

"Basically it was an opportunity for the different chapters to get together and share ideas," said Beth Hegeman, NWMSU Cardinal Key president.

Colleges represented were Doane College, Wayne State, Midland Lutheran College, all in Nebraska; Missouri State University; Emporia State University, Baker University, both from Kansas; and Bethany Nazarene College, Oklahoma.

"We were so pleased that a college from Oklahoma came," said Hegeman. "We really didn't know if they would come so far."

Regional conventions for the organization are held every two years as are the national conventions. National adviser to Cardinal Key, Judy Schmidt, was the featured speaker for this convention.

Cardinal Key is made up of juniors and seniors with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

"Although most other chapters are strictly made up of females, we have both men and women," explained Hegeman.

All eligible students are contacted at the end of the year and then screened. Once membership is chosen, the club works on projects which include donating money to the Juvenile Diabetes Association and choosing "Leaders of the Month."

"We pick faculty, staff or students which we feel have exhibited outstanding leadership qualities and then honor them for it," said Hegeman.

With the year now under way, Hegeman feels that the convention was a good way to begin.

"I think we learned a lot by seeing how each chapter does things," she said. "I think it was a success."

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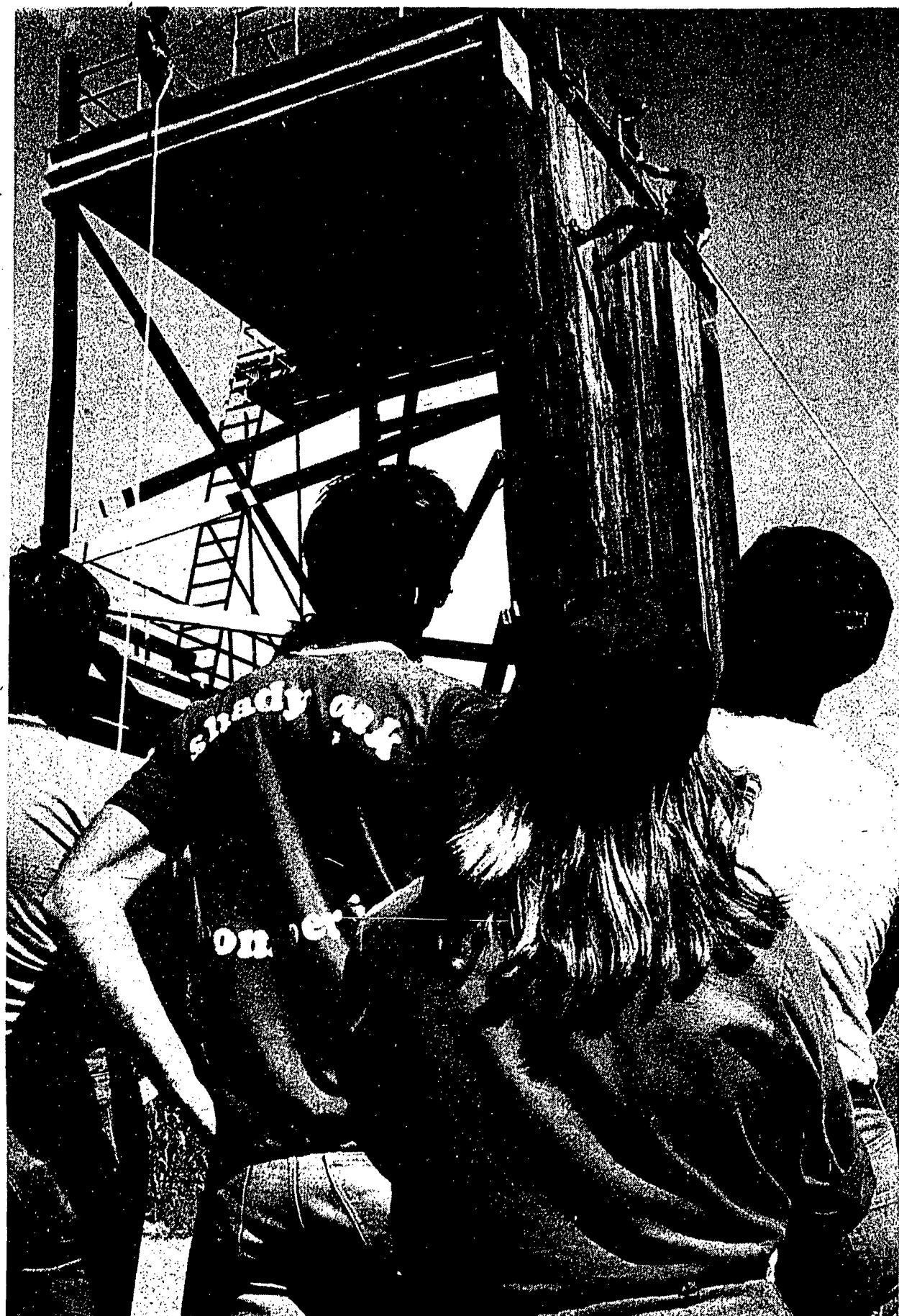
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Fig. 3 After Mountaineering

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Jim MacNeil

Doin' it With confidence

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For a lot of cadets, the trip to Sill was, in a matter of speaking, their final exam in rappelling 105. These students, who have been taking the rappelling course with Maj. Robert Suave, assistant professor of military science here, did not want to pass up the chance to rappel off of a 300-foot cliff known as Medicine Bluff.

Folklore has it that Geronimo, after being chased by soldiers to the edge of the cliff, jumped--horse and all--into the shallow river below. Legend tells us he survived; his horse did not.

Following a short class in safety techniques and a few practice jumps off a rappelling tower, the ROTC daredevils were ready to tackle the mountain.

Actually, the 300-foot decent was the easiest part of the event, because to get there, one had to cross a rope bridge, navigate through narrow paths to the top of the cliff, rappel, and then cross back over this river by pulling one's self over a single cable bridge.

"Getting back over the river on that single cable was the toughest part," said Debbie Noonan, a senior.

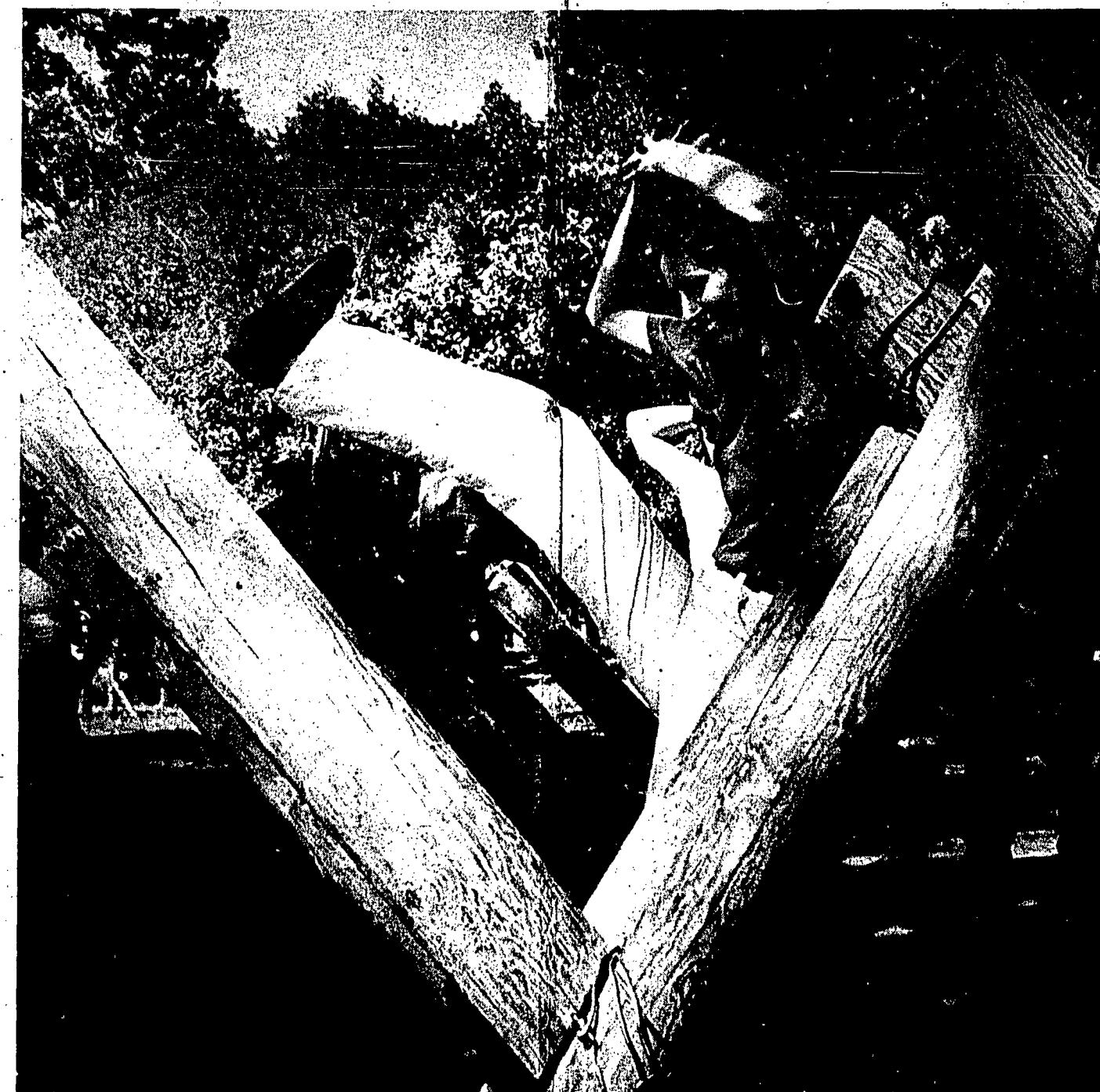
After surviving the Officer's Club Friday night, which featured a '50's dance complete with hula-hoop and twist contests, it was on to the Primary Leadership Reaction Course (PLC), and Confidence Course.

At the PLC everyone got a chance to be a platoon leader and make leadership decisions that could affect the safety of their platoon.

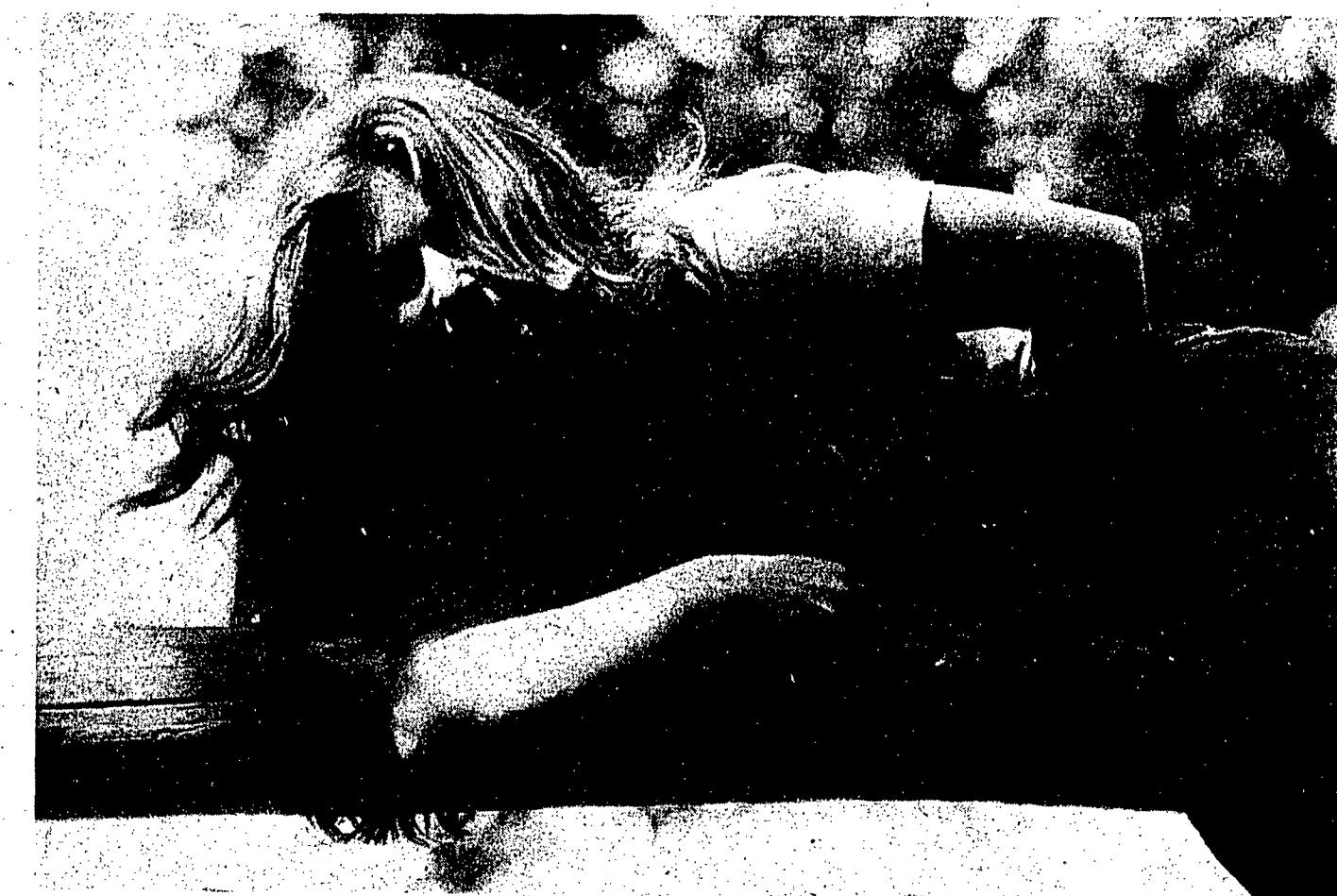
The Confidence Course was just that. A series of exercises in the woods designed to build one's strength. With such names as "tough one," "high one," "nut cracker," "belly roller," and more, it's no wonder one run through the course produces instant confidence.

Paula Ohrt, a senior who liked the confidence course the best, as did numerous other girls, (because it was something that a girl doesn't get to do every day), summed up the entire trip.

It was an excellent trip, very well organized and I feel a part of ROTC now after having taken this trip because I know the people--the faces have names."



Jane Bolis tries--one leg at a time--to clear the logs without using her hands at a station in the Confidence Course.



Paula Ohrt pulls herself over one of the obstacles during a run through the Confidence Course.



Lynette Gnuschke and Jack Loney seem to be sawing logs as the trip nears its end and lack of sleep catches up.



Photo by Suzie Zillner

Marching Bearcat Band requires skill, dedication and hours of practice. Four to six hours of group practice is spent a week on the sunny Rickenbrode Stadium field.

Beat goes on for Marching Band

by Suzie Zillner

Practice.

For the 105 Marching Bearcat Band members, it means anywhere from four to six hours of group rehearsals a week, plus an unlimited amount of individual practice.

But it doesn't seem to bother anyone.

"We aren't going to look good unless we practice and I think everyone realizes it," says drum major Roger Kelly.

Jeff Staples, a freshman band member agrees that "practice will eventually make perfect."

The band has been rehearsing especially hard this week in perfecting a field routine and brushing up on parade marching for participation in Central Missouri State's homecoming activities on Sat. Oct. 7.

The Marching Bearcats, under Dr. Terry Milligan's direction, plan to leave Maryville on Friday evening and stop near Kansas City for the night. The reason, Milligan says is so the band won't have to ride the bus as long Saturday morning.

The Bearcats are scheduled to march Saturday in the CMSU parade beginning at 9 a.m. Milligan has been selected to serve as one of three judges during the parade. The three judges will rate the 40 high school bands who have entered CMSU's contest.

The band also plans to present a halftime show during the CMSU-NWMSU football

game. They will return to Maryville later Saturday evening.

Besides Milligan, there are several other instructors who contribute to the band rehearsals. Mrs Harold Jackson, director of the 14 Bearcat Steppers, and Ernest Woodruff, assistant band director, in charge of the 16 member flag drill team, help to coordinate the routines for the five home games and one away game this season.

For a marching routine to be created, Milligan designs the actions for the band and then plans a skeleton routine for the flags. It is then up to Woodruff and Jackson to work out the actual flag and Stepper routines.

"Mr. Woodruff has done a mountain of work," said Milligan. "Without his assistance this year, we couldn't have even put a band on the field."

Who can be in marching band?

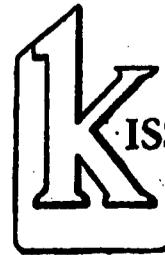
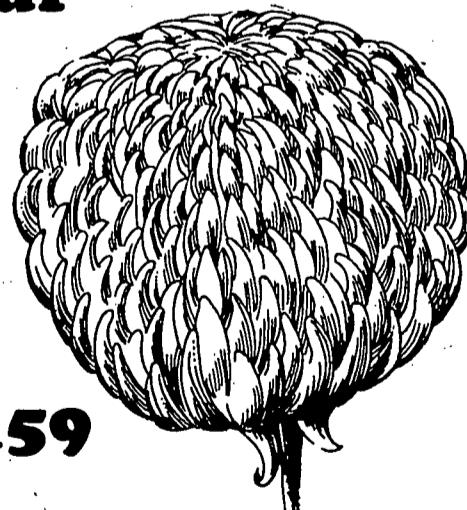
"Anyone," says Milligan, "as long as he can play an instrument in any way."

Although marching band is a required course for instrumental music majors, Milligan said many non-music majors are enrolled in band "solely for the pleasure of it."

After the Warrensburg trip, the band will have no time to relax. They will be hosting the pregame Band Day festivities for over 2,000 area high school students at NWMSU's homecoming next week.

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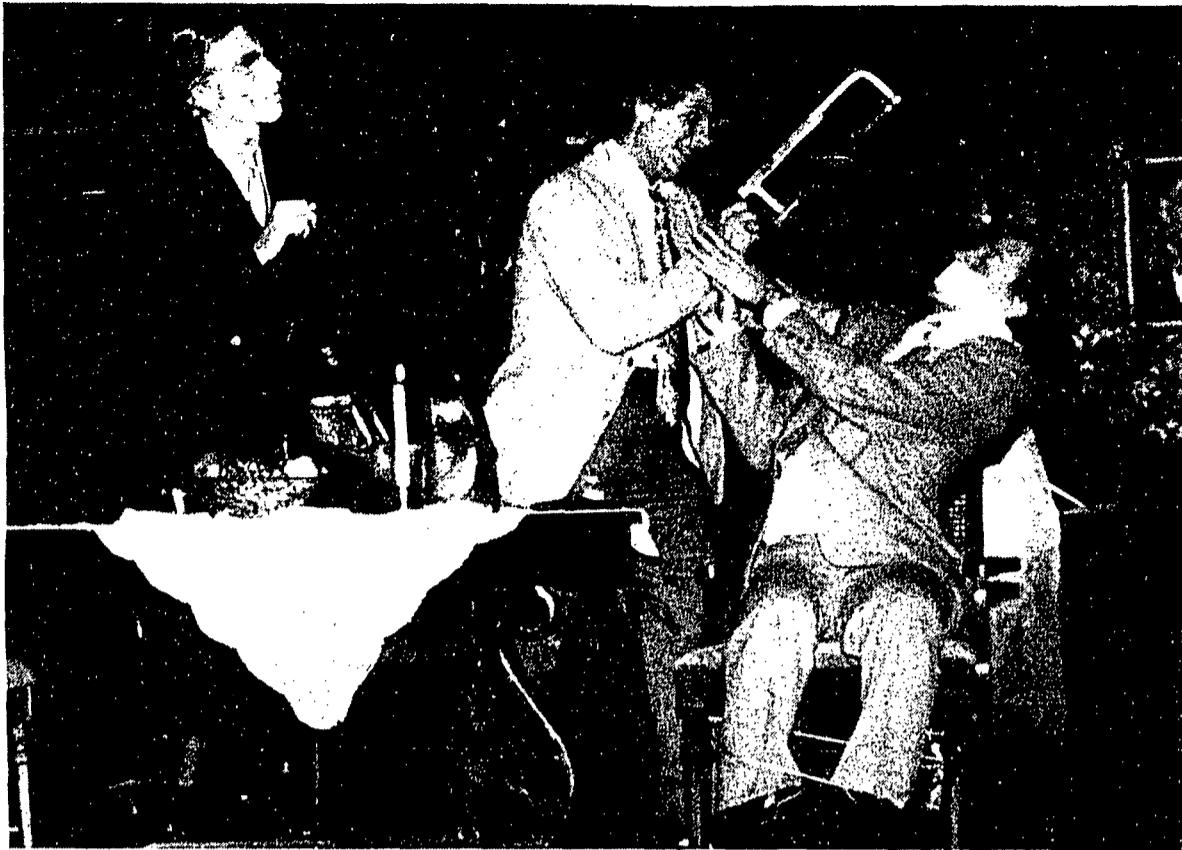


Photo by Wayne Vollmer

Dr. Einstein [Bruce Craven], center, appears hacked off at Mortimer Brewster [Steve Wray], right, but Dr. Einstein is only carrying out Johnathan's [Kevin

Brunner], left, order. The scene is a part of Arsenic and Old Lace which premiers tomorrow night and runs through Saturday night.

by Carole Patterson

Arsenic and Old Lace is insane. Well, at least insanity runs in its characters.

Take the Brewster family. Spinster sisters (Mary Kay McDermott and Vicki Clay) get their jollies killing elderly, homeless men to put them out of their creaky misery. An even dozen are buried in the basement, properly poisoned by elderberry wine laced with arsenic, strichnine and just a pinch of formaldehyde.

And then there's Teddy (Richard Enfield), the little ladies' nephew. He thinks he's President Roosevelt and buries the "yellow fever victim" in the Panama Canal locks located "down south" in the Brewster's cellar. Blowing his bugle, brandishing his sword and shouting "CHARGE!" isn't "bully" with the neighbors, who aren't as patient with him as his family.

Brother Jonathan (Kevin Brunner) has always been on the strange side, cutting worms in half with his teeth as a child, and is unwelcome in his aunts' home when he arrives well into the first act. A dead ringer for Boris Karloff, he drags along his German plastic surgeon sidekick, Dr. Herman Einstein (Bryce Craven) and makes himself at home.

THE STROLLER

The following is a true story. Only the names have been changed to protect the dignity and image of certain members of "Dormitory Five-O."

It had been a relatively busy day for your Stroller. He'd had two essay tests that morning, his car had broken down and was threatening to explode and he had suffered through two SAGA meals.

So, feeling he deserved a reward for such a hard day's work, (and being of the age of consent) your campus crusader decided to hitch a ride to one of the local grog shops to purchase the ingredients for that famous patent-pending, mind-blowing elixir that he affectionately calls Jungle Juice.

Getting the basic ingredients was no problem, as your hero is quite well known at the local liquor establishments. Riding back with a friend, your Stroller could think of nothing but the great taste of Jungle Juice and how good it made him feel.

Now being your basic all-American type of guy, your Stroller tries to always eat all his veggies and obey certain rules and regulations. Except for the ones he thinks are a bit childish and don't necessarily pertain to him.

So, getting back to the dorm, your campus crusader be-bopped up to his room with his box of goodies (much the same way he has done it countless times before). Walking down the hallway, your Campus Carouser could taste the lusciousness of his favorite brew. Then it happened. Your campus hero almost dirtied his drawers.

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'Arsenic and Old Lace' murderous success

Newly-engaged film critic Mortimer Brewster (Steve Wray), the third brother, is just waiting for the crazy stick to strike him as he's sure it runs in the family. His fiancee (Lynn Kemper) is confused, but equally sure he's sane.

Minor characters--mostly policemen--are played by Victor Morales, Joel Dorr, Jack Adams, Randy Jackson, Kurt Hamilton, Joe Blain and Mark Wille.

The play, set in Brooklyn during World War II, is student-directed by Ella Slaughter, assisted by Carla Scovill.

Each of the three acts take place in the Brewster's warm, burgundy living room filled with china, antiques, and of course, lace.

Despite weaknesses in several minor characters and dragging of tempo in a few scenes, Arsenic and Old Lace is a night of enjoyment with exceptional performances by Brunner, Enfield and Wray.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Oct. 5-7 in the Little Theatre with an afternoon performance Saturday at 2 p.m. Sunday the crew will travel to St. Joseph's Central High School for an 8 p.m. performance.

"Hold it! Dormitory Five-O! Freeze!" came a voice from the direction of your Stroller's room. Not expecting the big stake-out, your campus hero had no time to think, so he continued walking.

"What's in the box?" asked Inspector Jeff McGarrett.

"None of your business," replied your Stroller.

But that didn't satisfy McGarrett. He came right up to your Stroller and peeked in the box.

"Just as I suspected," said McGarrett dryly. "I'll have to confiscate it."

So while Dann-O and Hoss-Ho watched, McGarrett took away your Stroller's Jungle Juice ingredients.

"You will be punished severely," said McGarrett. "Book him Dann-O."

So as McGarrett took away the booze, your helpless hero asked him what had tipped him off.

"I saw you coming up the steps with a box, and having a masterful way of understanding the criminal mind, I knew you had to have alcohol," he said.

"I should have known," said your Stroller. "Crime doesn't pay when Inspector McGarrett is around."

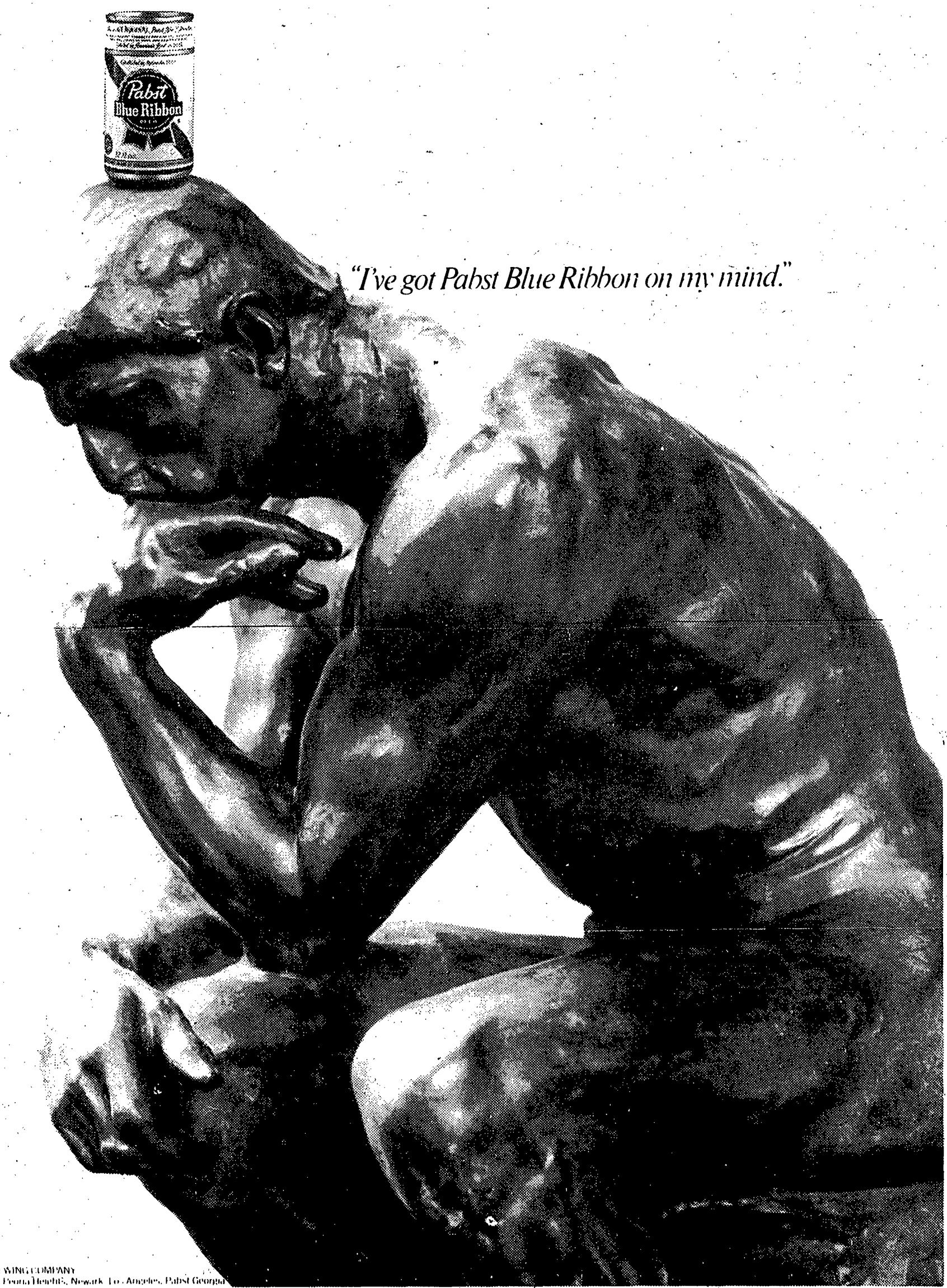
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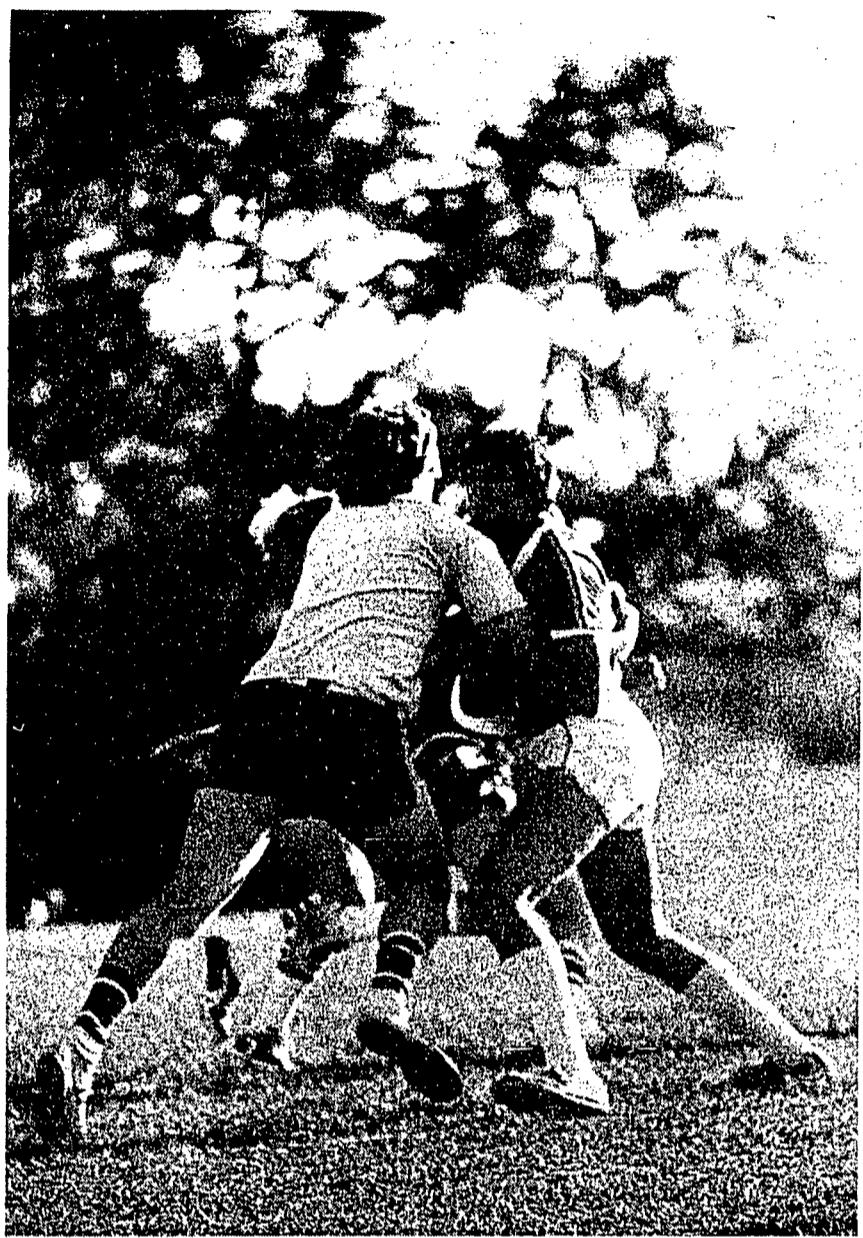


Photo by Jim MacNeil

In action from a recent intramural football game two players battle it out in the trenches. This action was typical of the play this week in the program.

'Cats take seventh in Columbia

The Bearcat cross country team finished seventh in a field of 18 at the Missouri Intercollegiate cross country championship Sept. 30 in Columbia. Kelchner, finishing 44th and David Sleep, 45th. Steve Klatte finished 54th with Dave Montgomery coming in 65th.

Vernon Darling placed seventh individually for the 'Cats with a time of 25:12. The Bearcats totaled 205 points in the meet.

Coach Richard Alsup was "fairly pleased with the performance", but said "we ran the first mile too fast."

"Everyone felt great and there were more schools there than ever before; maybe that's why everyone took off at such a fast pace," he said.

Other 'Cats that placed were Bob

Kelchner, finishing 44th and David Sleep, 45th. Steve Klatte finished 54th with Dave Montgomery coming in 65th.

The host Tigers won the meet rather easily, with Steve Fisher and Mark Hoifus finishing 1-2 for the second straight year.

The Tigers totaled 31 points, with three of the top four finishers. Central Missouri State was second with 63 points and St. Louis finished third with a total of 119 points.

The team travels to the University of Nebraska-Omaha Oct. 7. "This is going to be another tough one with Central (CMSU) being there," said Alsup.

ON THE SIDELINES

by Dave Gieseke

The second season has begun.

After a disastrous 0-5 start, the Bearcats will head into the conference football race with hopes of staying out of the cellar.

The conference race could be a dandy with Southeast Missouri State and Missouri-Rolla shaping up as the favorites.

In a pre-season poll of the MIAA coaches, Northeast Missouri State University was picked to finish first but the Bulldogs have a 1-3 record and their head coach has announced his resignation effective at the end of the season. So don't look for the Bulldogs to come out on top.

Southeast, with their overall depth, should take the title for themselves this year. They tied with Missouri-Rolla last year. Rolla should come in second with Northeast and Southwest Missouri State battling it out for third.

How about the Bearcats?

In that same season poll, the 'Cats were picked to finish sixth--ahead of only Lincoln. They should be able to beat Lincoln and might achieve another victory Oct. 7 against Central Missouri State. The Mules were trounced last weekend by Northeastern Oklahoma 50-14. Central's record stands at 0-4.

In the Oct. 7 game, fans should look for the Bearcats to exploit the Mules' defensive secondary, they are last in the league in passing defense. Kirk Mathews and company could pass their way to victory in Warrensburg.

But a couple of factors may once again kill the 'Cats.

These factors are rushing offense and defense. The Bearcats are ranked last in the league in defense while Central is near the top in both rushing and passing offense. Add to that the 'Cats inability to gain yardage on the ground and it could be rough for the Bearcats.

Look for a wide-open, high scoring game that could go down to the wire. Keep in mind though, that this is Central's Homecoming and they are just as hungry as the 'Cats.

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Parents are Mathews' biggest fans



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Senior quarterback Kirk Mathews depicted in just two of the facets of his game--calling signals for the offense and scrambling against Fort Hayes State. Along with Dan Scheible, Mathews is a 'Cat co-captain this year.

by Cindy Sedler

As in all sports, fans are an essential factor of football. And for Kirk Mathews, senior quarterback for the Bearcats, his most loyal fans have never let him down:

"My father hasn't missed a single game, home or away, in all of my four years of college football," said Mathews. "My mother has missed no more than five games. They fly or drive to every game from St. Louis."

"I'm really proud of my parents, they're probably my biggest fans."

Mathews believes fan support is a great contributor to the momentum of a football game.

"I think they play a real big part," he said. "They give a team momentum and a team with momentum has a lot in its favor. Homecoming games will always be tough because of the momentum of the team and fans."

Even though Mathews believes the fans are important, he rarely hears them.

"I don't usually hear the crowd," he said. "If I can hear them, I feel like my

concentration is slipping."

Game preparation is a continuous process for Mathews.

"I try to get as much mental preparation for the game during the week. I watch films of past games and talk with coaches. On game day, I like to be alone and go over the game plan in my mind and I say a little prayer.

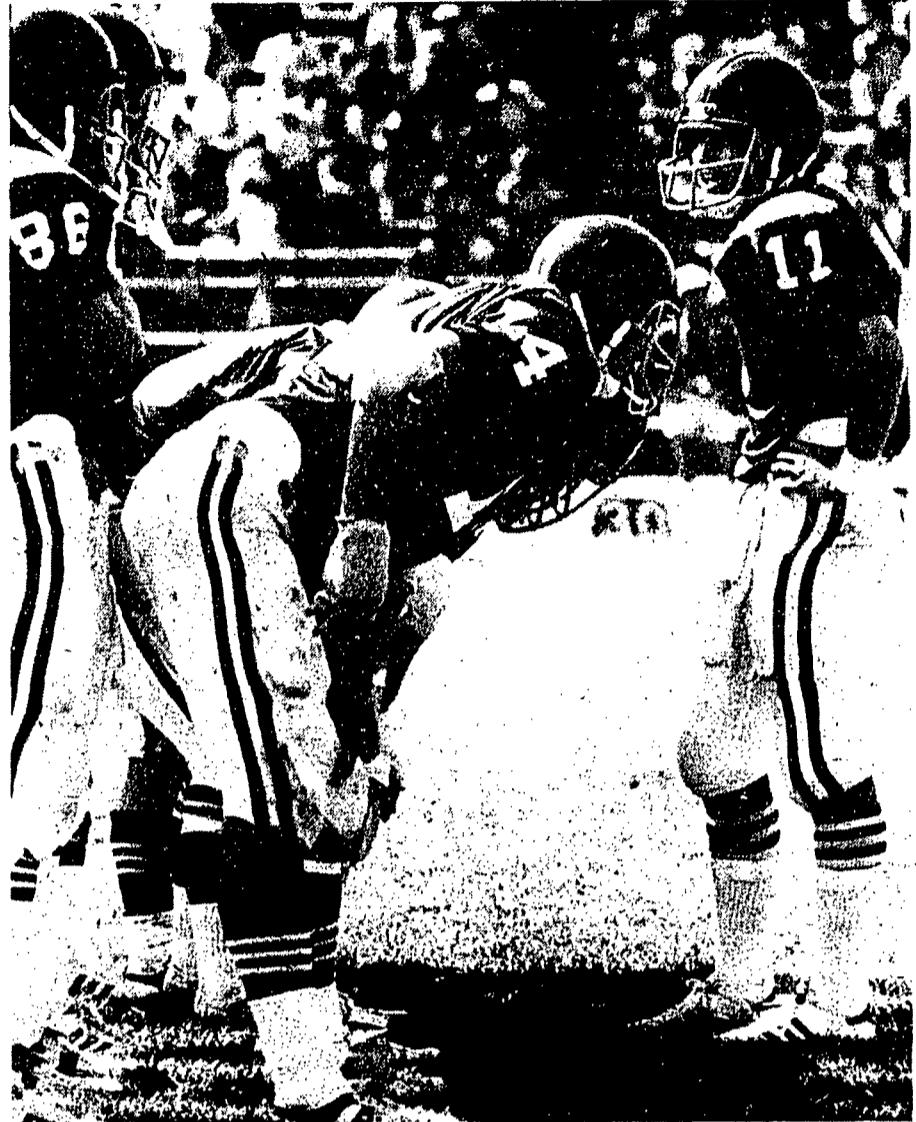
"I usually don't get too excited or hyper on game day," he added. "I think I can help the team more by being in control of myself."

Mathews is one of the 'Cats team captains this year, the first football captains since 1970.

"Probably the biggest honor I could ever have is to be voted captain by my teammates," Mathews said.

The leadership responsibilities that go along with being captain have earned Mathews the respect of the coaches and team.

"I'd like to think I have their respect. I hope so. We have a pretty small number of seniors this year, and being a captain



as well as one of the few seniors, a large amount of leadership must come from Dan (the other team captain) and I."

Mathews thinks a team captain can serve as a sort of mediator between coach and player.

"We try to bridge any gaps between the coaches and players. Sort of a two-way feedback," he said.

Mathews believes the coach-player relationships on the team are good.

"I feel real comfortable around Coach. We discuss lots of things, not always football. He's interested in all of his players, off the field as well as on."

In his four years of playing, Mathews has only missed one game.

"I've played in every game, not always the whole game, but every game except one game during my freshman year, when I cracked two ribs."

Failing to win a single game so far this season might disappoint some senior players, but not Mathews.

"I try to take each game on a

week-to-week basis. It's not any more discouraging now than it would have been my freshman year."

Mathews believes the difficulty of the Bearcats non-conference schedule will ready them for their conference schedule.

"Our non-conference schedule is the biggest and most challenging. It should prepare us for our conference schedule."

Flattery from the press does not go unappreciated, Mathews said.

"I think anybody would be stretching the truth if they say they don't read and enjoy seeing their name in print," he said.

The media can also be responsible for criticism and a certain amount of negativism. Mathews said it was hard not to be offended by some of the newspaper's content, but he took it all in stride.

"I try to let writers do the writing and I play football," he said. "It's hard not to be affected, but I look at the negative comments as a challenge. I want to prove them wrong."

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Conference race begins

Same song, second verse

The Bearcats have a chance to record their first win of this season as they travel to Warrensburg Oct. 7 to tangle with the winless Bears of Central Missouri State.

This is Central's Homecoming game.

"This is a game between two teams looking for their first win," said Coach Jim Redd. "Their team is big physically, they run a veer offense in the pro set and use the 5-2 defense."

Saturday's game opens MIAA season for both teams. Coach Redd states that this game marks the start of the 'new season.'

"This is an opportunity for us to get off to a good start in our conference," he said. "Winning this game would help our team for the rest of the season. Our team is getting better and the fundamentals are improving."

Central Arkansas' running ability proved to be the big factor in the 'Cats' loss Sept. 30. Central won 24-6. The Bears rushed for 278 yards and scored all three touchdowns on the ground. They scored a touchdown in each quarter except for the last quarter when Pete Parks added a 32-yard field goal.

Leading rusher for Central was Vaughn Edwards who rushed for 135 yards on 24 carries and scored two touchdowns. The Bearcats' lone score came on an 11-yard pass from Kirk Mathews to Dave Eddy in the fourth quarter.

Bright spots for the 'Cats came from Mathews, Brad Smith and Kevin Hiatt. Mathews recorded his college highs in completions and attempts by completing 15 of 31 passes for 168 yards.

"We noticed a decided improvement in the passing game. Kirk did a fine job for us," said Redd. Mathews completed 12 out of 24 passes in the second half.

The special team coverage of Smith and Hiatt brought praise from the coach. He said their hard hitting and aggressive play lead the coverage teams to holding the Bears to 19 yards on five punt returns and 34 yards on two kickoff returns.

Not only was the kick coverage excellent but so was the punting, said Redd. Punter Wayne Allen punted seven times with an average of 40.3 yards per kick.

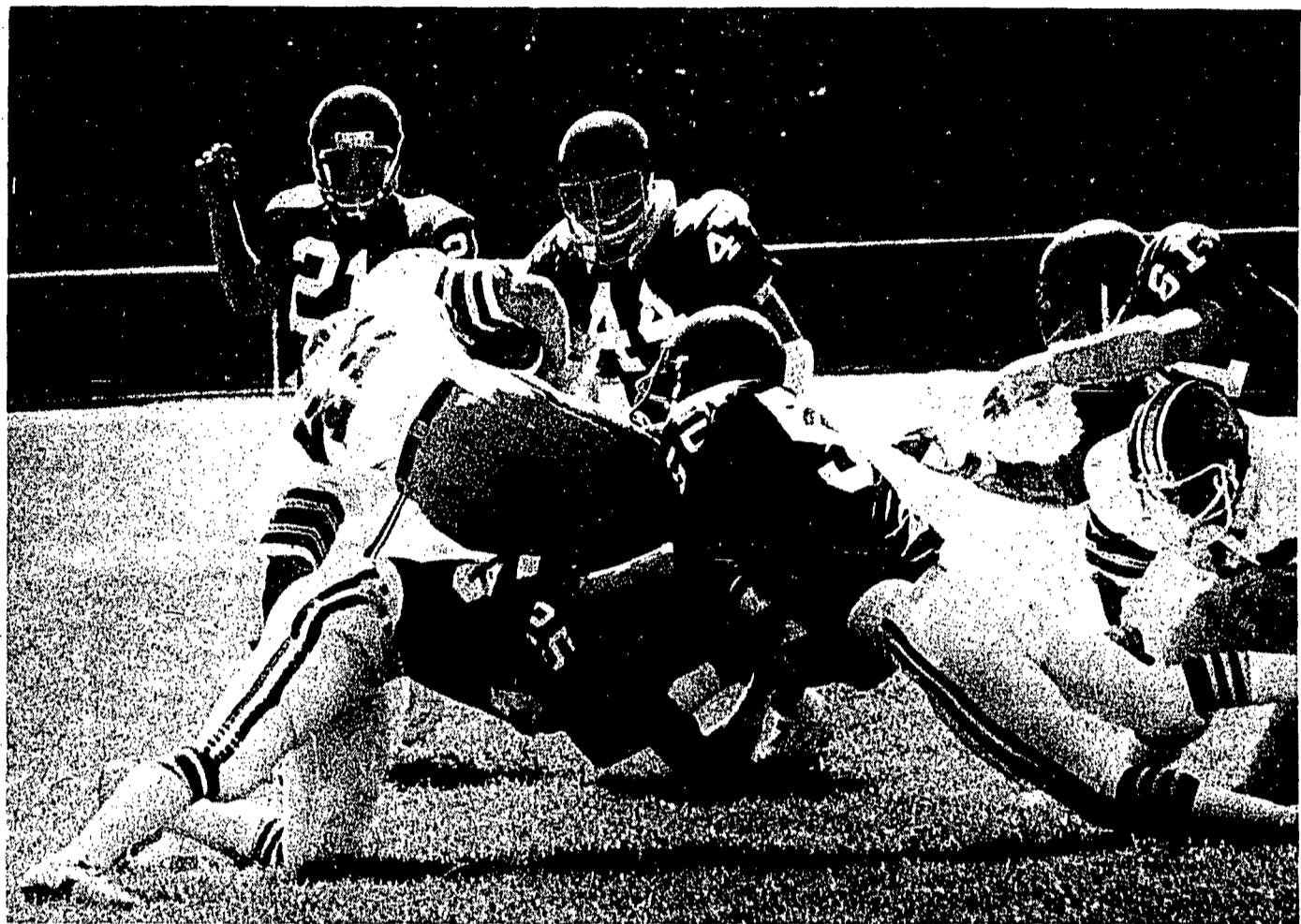


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All tied up

In action from the Fort Hayes State game, Mark Doll [55] and Rod Helfers [25] wrap up Louis Pfortmiller. The 'Cats travel to Warrensburg to take on the Mules of Central Missouri State in the first MIAA conference game of the season for both teams.

his teammate Goudge lead the team with 13 stops. Defensive end Al Cade, a freshman, also contributed to the effort with 11 tackles.

"It was a very hard-hitting game and I don't think we shied away from them at all," commented Redd. "We were always cheering one another on, both defensively and offensively. We could have let down but we didn't and fought till the end."

Redd went on to say that the defense needed to be better on first down plays

because the Bears often had second down and three or four instead of second and eight or nine.

With next week's game coming up the Bearcats are looking to get off on the right foot in the conference race.

"In practice all of the kids are really working hard. We're positive and we believe we can win," Redd stated. "It's a new season and we feel we are ready for it."

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Why did it happen?

Maybe the campus lighting is at fault. Obviously, at the present time, the campus is darker than it should be. However, steps have been taken to increase the campus lighting. It is commendable that energy conservation doesn't override student safety.

Maybe the safety of the students really lies with the students themselves. Students should now be aware that they should be cautious about walking alone on the campus at night.

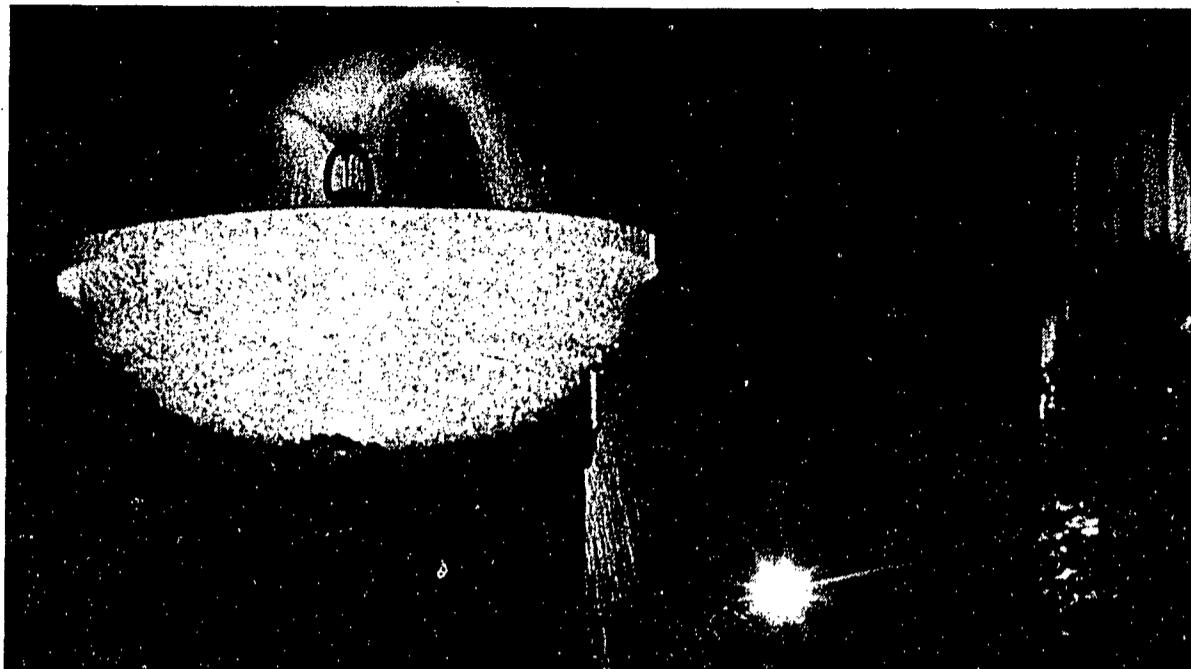


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LETTERS FROM READERS

Dear Editor:

With one good eye towards economy, and not without a substantial amount of experience, I suggest that all faculty offices be converted into stand-ups--yes, that's right, stand-ups!

I am not sure how I first conceived the idea, but think of the overwhelming advantages. We could stack the whole faculty in what is now one classroom, thus creating an abundance of space for things like rat laboratories, classrooms for our burgeoning enrollment, broom closets, mock battlefields for ROTC, airplane hangers, a commission-working with the rat mazes--to devise new patterns for the campus roads, toilets for administrators, a room to house a rubber stamp machine for the faculty senate--think of the creative uses we could make of the now wasted space. And how healthy the faculty would become, doing all of that standing up for a change! And of course the students would get all kinds of athletic practice trying to squeeze into the various offices. Not only are there these stated advantages to the plan, but we could greatly improve our interrelationships with the business community by requesting the new offices from the Telephone Company. I am sure these offices would be furnished free provided we agree to drop a few dimes in the slots each month.

And don't forget what happiness coziness creates! Yes President Owens you are a sharp man no one can deny, but you have missed the biggie here.

Bob Nagle

Dear Editor:

This is in response to your article "AOPI Remains Active." Your misspelling of their name, it should be AOII, is a classic example of the kind of respect that this particular women's fraternity has received since their colonization on this campus in 1971. I don't believe that this women's fraternity has ever been "received" by the other so-called Greek organizations (especially sororities) on campus or by the rest of the population at NWMSU.

This is not to say that the AOII's demise is to be blamed on "others." Contrary to Miss Gourney's statement, seven years should have been an adequate amount of time to establish the fraternity. The AOII's appear to have forgotten the one most important key to the Greek system at NWMSU. They forgot they were (supposed to be) a SOCIAL organization. One wonders how they could have forgotten this vital aspect of their existence when their sisters at UNL, CNSU, SIU (Carbondale), and UT (Knoxville) to name a few are having mixers and f.a.c.'s galore and always are at their maximum membership. Perhaps a bit of "sisterly advice" could come in handy during this period of AOII's history.

I was also surprised to read that regional had not intervened at an earlier date, say two years ago when the signs of a failing chapter were evidencing themselves. Some of these signs include: low pledge totals leading to a slow decline in active membership, increasing slovenly problems, and a blatant dissension among chapter members themselves. How could these signs be overlooked?

Deep down I know that the feeling of sisterhood and companionship, fun and fellowship, leadership and scholarship are all there. Deep down they themselves know it and I hope that they find others who may be willing to discover what Alpha Omicron Pi really is and what Greek life is all about. It would be (is) extremely disheartening for me, as a former AOII, to see that what other AOII's have gone through in the past has all been in vain.

Name withheld upon request

To the Editor:

We wish to protest the insensitivity of Mr. Koch, Director of Libraries, to student needs.

As a service to the University community, the Math Science Club produces each year a campus directory. As a needed service we believe this project helps our members use their skills, work together and strengthen their commitment to the University.

The University Library has a machine which photographs copy and changes the copy size. We sell ads to Maryville businesses to pay for the production costs. We needed three [3] pages of copy. Mr. Tom Kennedy of the library staff was most cooperative and, indeed, made preparations for our three pages.

Mr. Koch refused to allow him to do so. We talked to Mr. Koch, but he either would not or could not understand two simple things. Our project is a learning experience by a departmental club. Our belief is that the facilities of the University library should serve students.

Does President Owens know that his Director of Libraries discourages students from using the facilities of their library?

Perhaps, though, we should thank Mr. Koch for teaching us that the library is not intended to serve the learning of students in the University who are members of departmental clubs because he thinks those clubs are not educational.

Lori Mullinger, President

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